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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following citations that are listed in form PTO-1449:

U.S. Patent Nos.: 5,827,048, 5,587,622, and 5,023,512

German Patent Nos.: 27 21 449, 32 17 868, and 32 17 869

Japan Abstract No.: 01021854

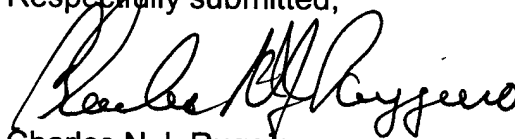
It is applicants' belief that none of the above citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,827,048	10/27/98	Tonegawa et al.	417	48	
	5,587,622	12/24/96	Mohacsi	313	493	
	5,023,512	6/11/91	Schaaf	313	560	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	DE 27 21 449	8/11/83	Germany				X
	DE 32 17 868	12/16/82	Germany				X
	DE 32 17 869	12/9/82	Germany				X
	01021854	1/25/89	Japan			X	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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